To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

Subject: AI use at the end of the semester

Date: Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023

Dear faculty,

As we are in finals week, CAFE is getting a lot of questions about Turnitin's AI reports and what to do when the report indicates a high percentage of AI use in an assignment. I'm also getting questions about the use of writing support AI tools such as Grammarly.

There is no university-level policy regarding how much or what kind of AI use is acceptable in courses. That is, the university offers academic freedom to faculty in determining our own response to AI use or misuse in our classes.

Here is my [best effort at summarizing](#) the current tools we have on campus and my recommendations for proceeding.

Here's a micro-summary: 1) For Fall 2023, use your stated syllabus policies as well and consistently as you can. 2) Do not rely on Turnitin's AI report without your own further investigation and careful judgement. 3) Longer term, talk to your colleagues and try to reach a consensus at least in your department.

Take care,

Victoria

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In this email:

- [Save the date](#): Friday April 19, 2024: Equity in Practice Symposium
- [Teacher-Scholar](#): SPICE proposals due in January
- [Teaching Nuts & Bolts](#): Final grades workshops from the Registrar; Canvas Gradebook tips
- [Friends of CAFE](#): First Year Experience Learning Community

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Save the date: Friday April 19, 2024: "Equity in Practice" Symposium

CAFE, the Office of Student Success, and IRPA invite faculty and staff to offer presentations and posters on their work. Our goal is to connect people and illuminate and amplify effective practices. We'll also present the [Wall of COOL 2024](#)awards! Save the date and watch for the calls for presentations.

Teacher-Scholar:

- [SPICE proposals](#) are due January 26, 2024; see the SPICE website for the grant repository, FAQs, and the link to the submission portal. "Everybody's Mentor" [Lisa Kessler](#) in CAFE is available to give feedback or discuss ideas.

Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- **[Assigning Final Grades](#) recording:** A workshop & Q&A session with the Registrar's team, discussing what final grades mean and how to assign them. Learn the difference between F and WU…and why you might want to assign a WU "anyway."
- **[Canvas Gradebook tip sheet](#):** A distillation of Canvas Gradebook features, useful in the time crunch of getting final grades figured out.

Friends of CAFE:

- ***[Spring 2024 Learning Community on First Year Experience:](#)*** A collegial community for FYE instructors to create consistently excellent FYEs for our particular students. Facilitated by Dr. Nina Abramzon (FYE Faculty Chair and Professor, Physics & Astronomy) and Dr. Dora Lee (FYE Chair and Director, Academic Support and Learning Services). See the [FYE LC Application](#).
- ***[Academic Innovation Winter Institute:](#)*** **Jan. 17 & 18, 2024.** *Exploring Micro-Internships: A Guide to Understanding and Successfully Implementing Short-Term Work Experiences.* Discover how micro-internships can benefit students, seamlessly integrate micro-internships into your syllabi, and network with colleagues around campus.

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Get Canvas help from CAFE: Submit a [Canvas ticket using this link](#) OR call 909-869-3099, M-F 8am – 5pm. CAFE is closed from December 25 to January 1 for the winter break.